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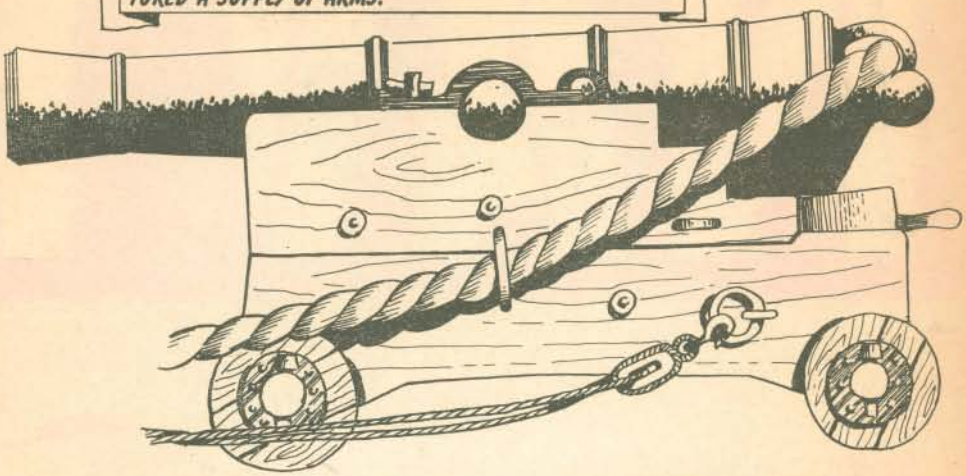
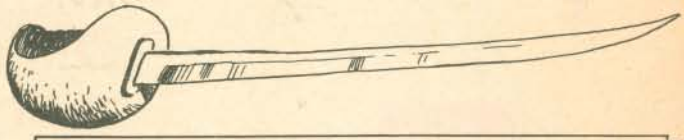
1772 - 1778

NAVAL ARMS ⚓ 1772 - 1782

GOING TO WAR IN 1775 THE AMERICAN PATRIOTS WERE SHORT OF WEAPONS. KING GEORGE HAD SEEN TO THAT BY RESTRICTING GUN MANUFACTURE. IT WAS A TIGHT FIGHT WITH A SHORT STICK UNTIL THE YANKEE NAVY CAPTURED A SUPPLY OF ARMS.



REVOLUTIONARY CANNON. NAVAL GUNS OF 1776 DIFFERED LITTLE FROM THOSE USED 200 YEARS BEFORE IN THE ERA OF QUEEN ELIZABETH. THEY PACKED A WALLOP, BUT THE RANGE WAS SHORT. TEN MEN WHERE NEEDED FOR THE GUN CREW. MEN WITH GRIT.



NAVY CUTLASS. MUCH OF THE SEA FIGHTING OF '76 WAS HAND TO HAND. HOT WORK FOR BOARDERS.

RAMROD. FOR MUZZLE-LOADING CANNON.

REVOLUTIONARY MUSKET. "OLD BETSY" DID A LOT OF NAVAL SHARPSHOOTING DURING THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE.

NAVY PISTOL. USED IN 1776.

CANNONBALLS. SOLID SHOT SOMETIMES HEATED

GRAPNEL. USED TO HOLD AN ENEMY SHIP ALONGSIDE FOR COMBAT.

NAVY CULVERIN. SMALL GUN MOUNTED ON SHIP'S RAIL. USED TO REPEL BOARDERS.

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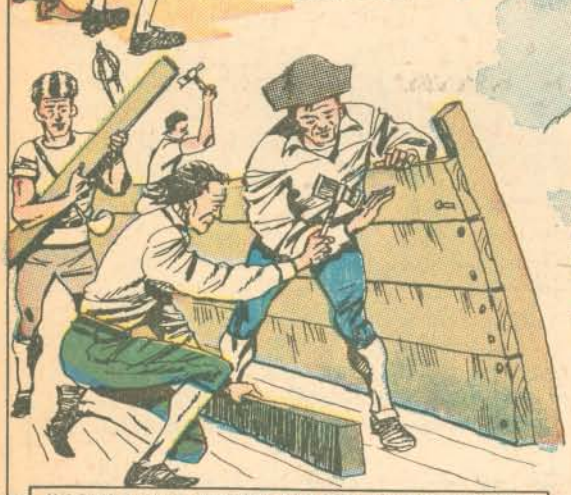
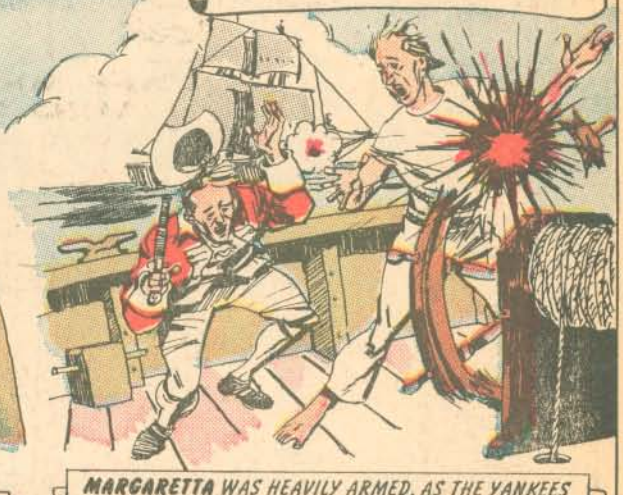
MACHIAS MAINE ★ 1775

IN THE SPRING OF 1775 NEW ENGLAND WAS UP IN ARMS. ALMOST EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT PAUL REVERE, THE MINUTE MEN AND THE FIGHT AT LEXINGTON. NOT SO MANY KNOW ABOUT THE FIRST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE REVOLUTION. LEGEND SAYS IT OCCURRED IN MAY '75 WHEN BRITISH SCHOONER **MARGARETTA** SAILED UP TO MACHIAS, MAINE, TO LOAD LUMBER FOR RED COAT BARRACKS IN BOSTON. SURPRISE! INSTEAD OF LUMBER, **MARGARETTA** GOT A LOAD OF JEREMIAH O'BRIEN, A SCOTCH-IRISH LUMBERJACK WHO GRABBED A SLOOP AND CALLED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ATTACK THE KING'S VESSEL.

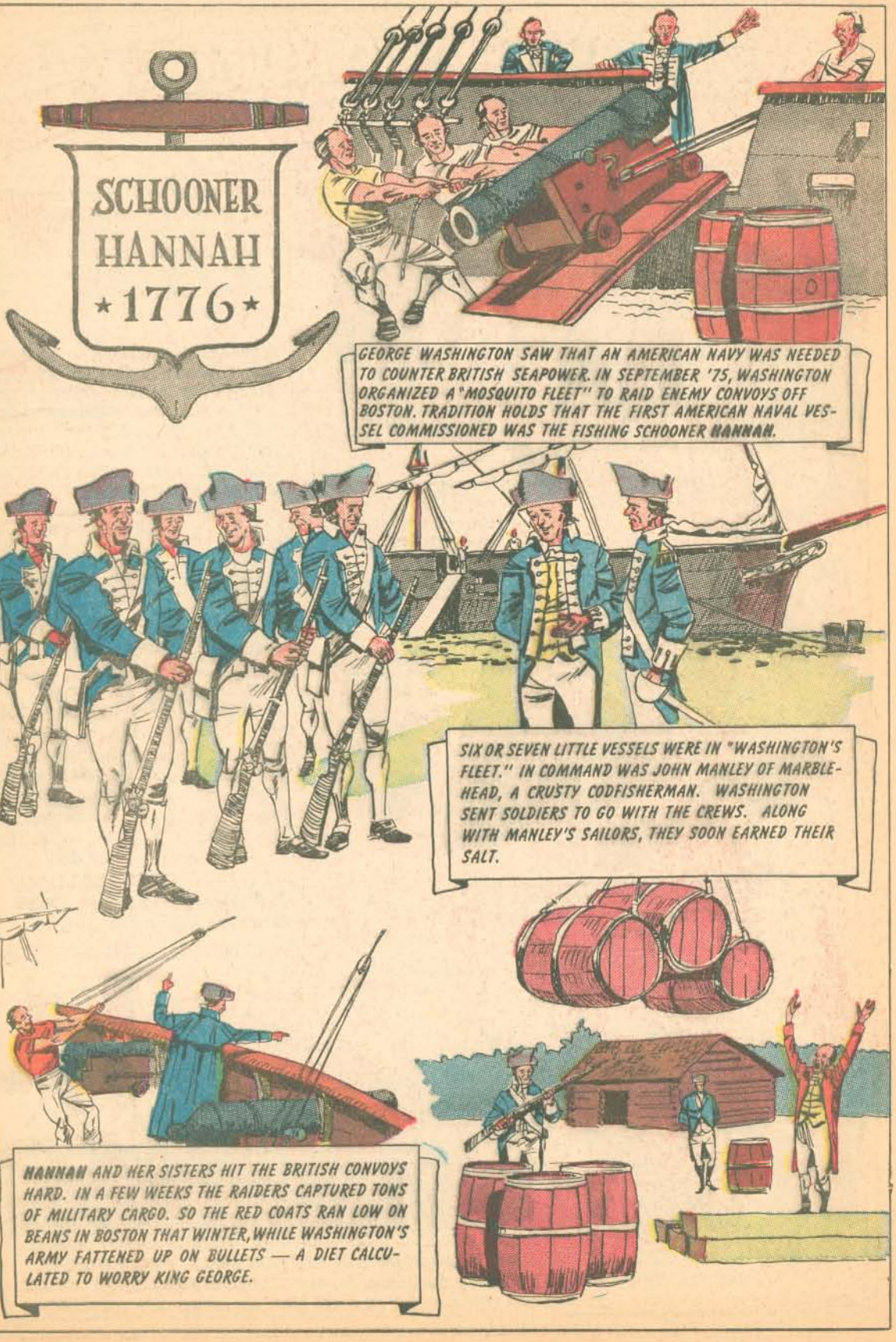


WORKING FAST, O'BRIEN AND HIS LUMBERJACK CREW 'BUILT WOODEN BREASTWORKS ABOARD SLOOP **UNITY**. THEN THEY SAILED OUT TO SAIL INTO THE BRITISH.

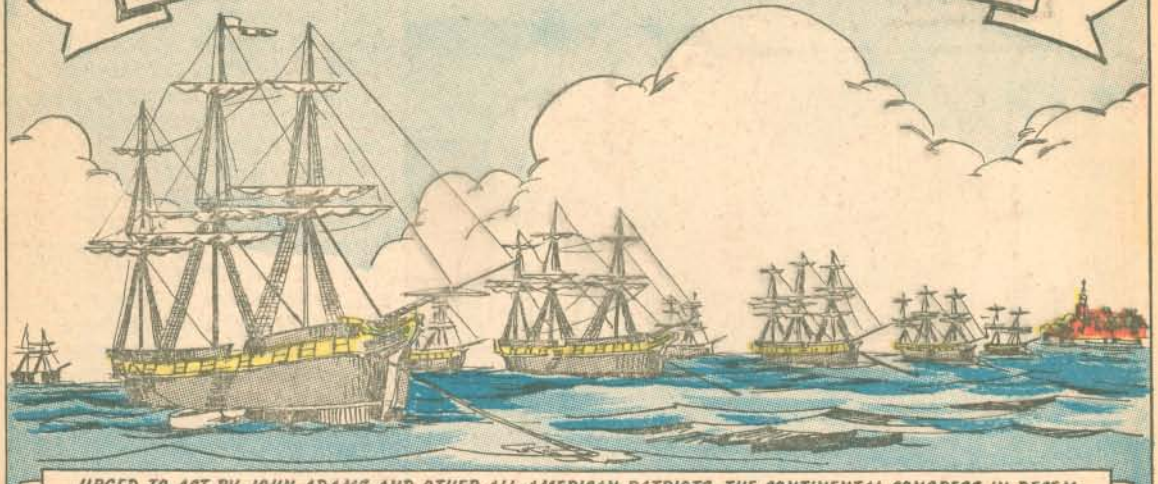


MARGARETTA WAS HEAVILY ARMED. AS THE YANKEES APPROACHED, HER CAPTAIN CALLED ON THEM TO HEAVE TO. ANSWER WAS A SHOT THAT KILLED THE BRITISH HELMSMAN.

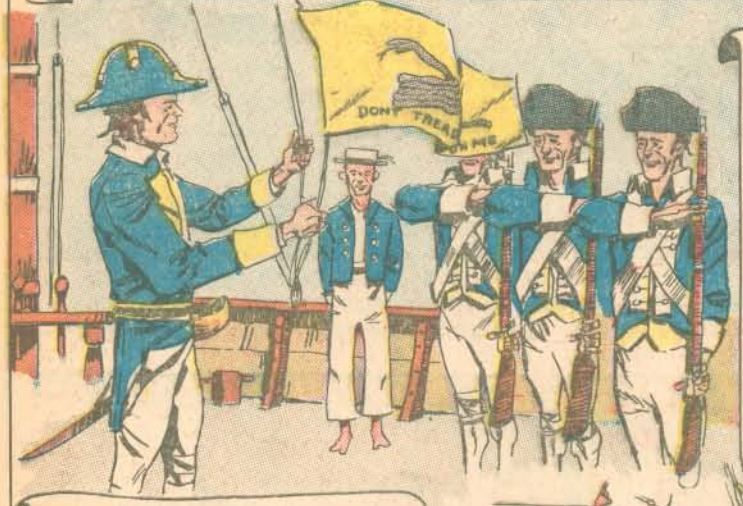
THE BRITONS OPENED A HOT FIRE. BUT THE MAINE MEN WERE BETTER MARKSMEN. MUSKETS AGAINST CANNON, O'BRIEN AND HIS BOYS CLOSED IN. THEY CAUGHT **MARGARETTA** WITH GRAPPLING HOOKS. O'BRIEN BELLOWED, "BOARDERS AWAY!" AFTER A FIERCE HAND-TO-HAND SCRIMMAGE, THE BRITISH SAILORS SURRENDERED. SO THE FIRST AMERICAN NAVAL JACKS WERE STALWART VICTORS IN THE FIRST SEA FIGHT FOR LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE.


SCHOONER
HANNAH
★1776★
GEORGE WASHINGTON SAW THAT AN AMERICAN NAVY WAS NEEDED TO COUNTER BRITISH SEAPOWER. IN SEPTEMBER '75, WASHINGTON ORGANIZED A "MOSQUITO FLEET" TO RAID ENEMY CONVOYS OFF BOSTON. TRADITION HOLDS THAT THE FIRST AMERICAN NAVAL VESSEL COMMISSIONED WAS THE FISHING SCHOONER HANNAH.
SIX OR SEVEN LITTLE VESSELS WERE IN "WASHINGTON'S FLEET." IN COMMAND WAS JOHN MANLEY OF MARBLEHEAD, A CRUSTY CODFISHERMAN. WASHINGTON SENT SOLDIERS TO GO WITH THE CREWS. ALONG WITH MANLEY'S SAILORS, THEY SOON EARNED THEIR SALT.
HANNAH AND HER SISTERS HIT THE BRITISH CONVOYS HARD. IN A FEW WEEKS THE RAIDERS CAPTURED TONS OF MILITARY CARGO. SO THE RED COATS RAN LOW ON BEANS IN BOSTON THAT WINTER, WHILE WASHINGTON'S ARMY FATTENED UP ON BULLETS — A DIET CALCULATED TO WORRY KING GEORGE.

ESEK ★ HOPKINS ★ SQUADRON

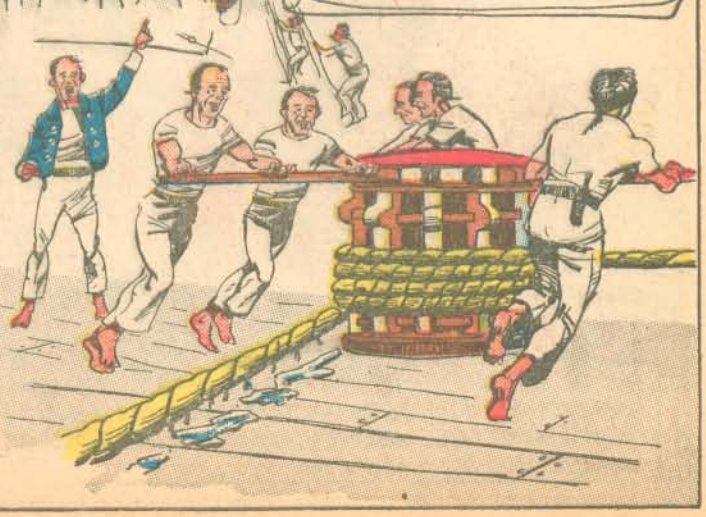


URGED TO ACT BY JOHN ADAMS AND OTHER ALL-AMERICAN PATRIOTS, THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS IN DECEMBER 1775 VOTED FOR A FULL-FLEDGED AMERICAN NAVY. THIRTEEN BRAND NEW WARSHIPS WERE ORDERED IN AMERICAN SHIPYARDS. MEANWHILE, A MAKESHIFT SQUADRON WAS SCRAPED TOGETHER AT PHILADELPHIA. HERE THEY ARE — FLAGSHIP **ALFRED** (30 GUNS), **COLUMBUS** (20), **ANDREW DORIA** (14), **CABOT** (14), **PROVIDENCE** (12), **HORNET** (10), **WASP** (8), **FLY** (4). READY TO GO.

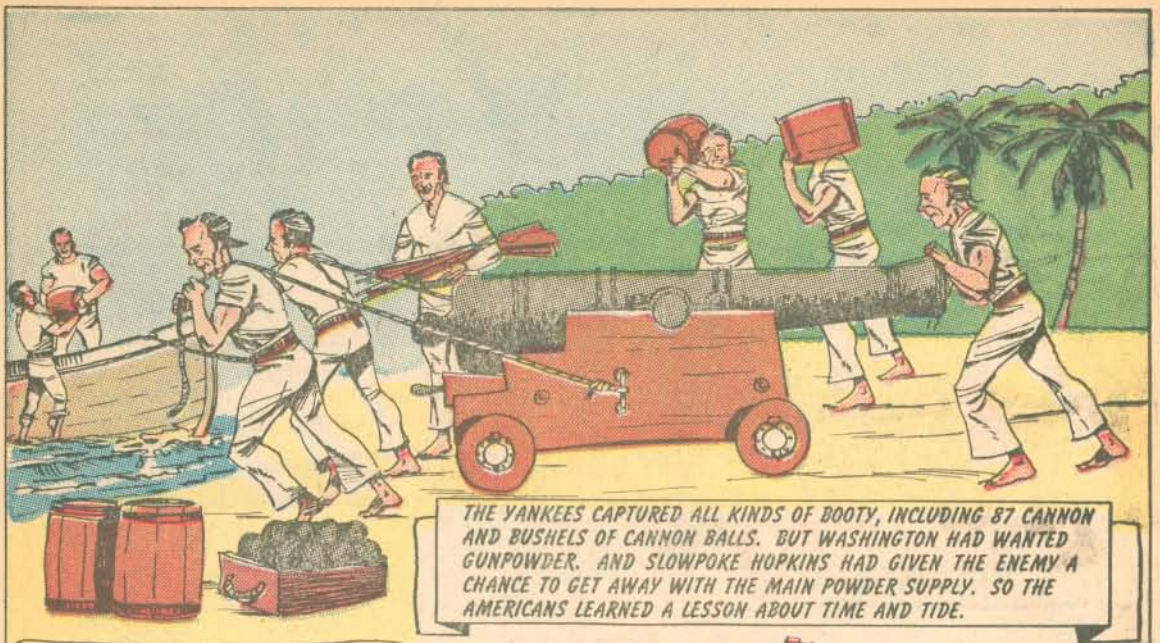


NO, NOT QUITE READY. A NAVY CAN'T SAIL WITHOUT A LEADER. CONGRESS CHOSE ESEK HOPKINS, A RHODE ISLAND SHIPMASTER, TO LEAD AS NAVY'S COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. THE RAW HANDS NEEDED TRAINING. THEY WERE TRAINED ON BOARD FLAGSHIP **ALFRED** BY A VOLUNTEER LIEUTENANT UP FROM THE WEST INDIES — A WONDERFUL SAILOR NAMED JOHN PAUL JONES. TO JONES WENT THE HONOR OF RAISING ON BOARD THE FIRST AMERICAN NAVAL FLAG IN HISTORY—THE FAMOUS "RATTLESNAKE FLAG" THAT WARNED, **"DON'T TREAD ON ME!"**

FACING THE ROYAL NAVY OF GREAT BRITAIN, THE FLEDGLING SQUADRON WASN'T MUCH. BUT, AS JOHN ADAMS POINTED OUT, A LITTLE MIGHT DO A LOT. AND AT THE TURN OF 1776 THERE WAS A LOT TO DO. WASHINGTON'S ARMY WAS SHORT OF POWDER. SO HOPKINS WAS ORDERED TO SAIL DOWN TO THE BAHAMAS AND RAID THE KING'S FORTS AT NASSAU. TO PAUL JONES' DISMAY, HOPKINS DELAYED. BUT IN FEBRUARY '76 THE SHIPS AT LAST WEIGHED ANCHOR. THE FIRST AMERICAN NAVAL MISSION WAS UNDER WAY.

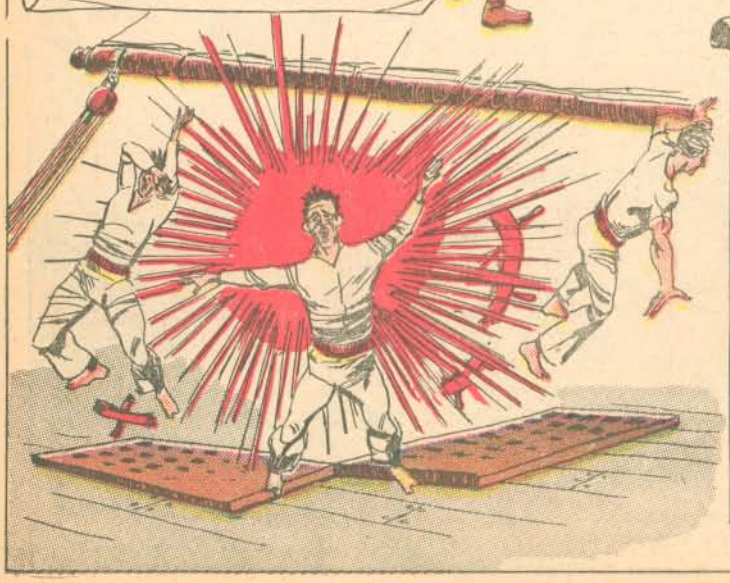


HOPKINS' SQUADRON HEADED SOUTHWARD ON STORMY SEAS. WORSE THAN THE WEATHER WAS THE CHANCE OF RUNNING INTO FAST BRITISH FRIGATES OR BIG SHIPS-OF-THE-LINE—WHALES THAT COULD SWALLOW THE LITTLE AMERICAN VESSELS. "THE FIRST BEGINNINGS OF OUR NAVY," PAUL JONES WROTE LATER, "WERE SO SMALL THAT I AM OF THE OPINION IT HAS NO PRECEDENCE IN HISTORY." THEIR BEST CHANCE LAY IN SURPRISING THE ENEMY. BUT WHEN THE SQUADRON REACHED THE BAHAMAS, HOPKINS DILLYDALLIED, AND THE DEFENDERS WERE FOREWARNED. LUCKILY JONES HAD ALFRED'S GUNNERS WELL TRAINED. BOMBARDING FORT MONTAGUE, THEY GAVE A BANG-UP GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES.
ALTHOUGH ALERTED, FORT MONTAGUE PUT UP A POOR HARBOR DEFENSE. BRITISH GUNNERY WAS WILD, AND THE AMERICANS SAILED IN, PAUL JONES DOING THE NAVIGATING. TWO HUNDRED YANKEE MARINES AND FIFTY SAILORS WENT ASHORE UNDER FIRE TO STORM THE FORT. THIS WAS THE NAVY'S FIRST AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION, AND THE FIRST BATTLE FOUGHT BY AMERICAN MARINES.
DID THE RED COATS WIN IT? TELL IT TO THE MARINES! STORMING THE FORT'S BATTLEMENTS, THEY WENT UP AND OVER WITH A BAYONET CHARGE THAT SCRAMBLED THE KING'S MEN. DOWN CAME THE BRITISH FLAG. UP WENT A YANKEE CHEER. AFTER THAT, NEIGHBORING FORT NASSAU SURRENDERED WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT. THE BAHAMAS WERE IN THE NAVY'S BAG.

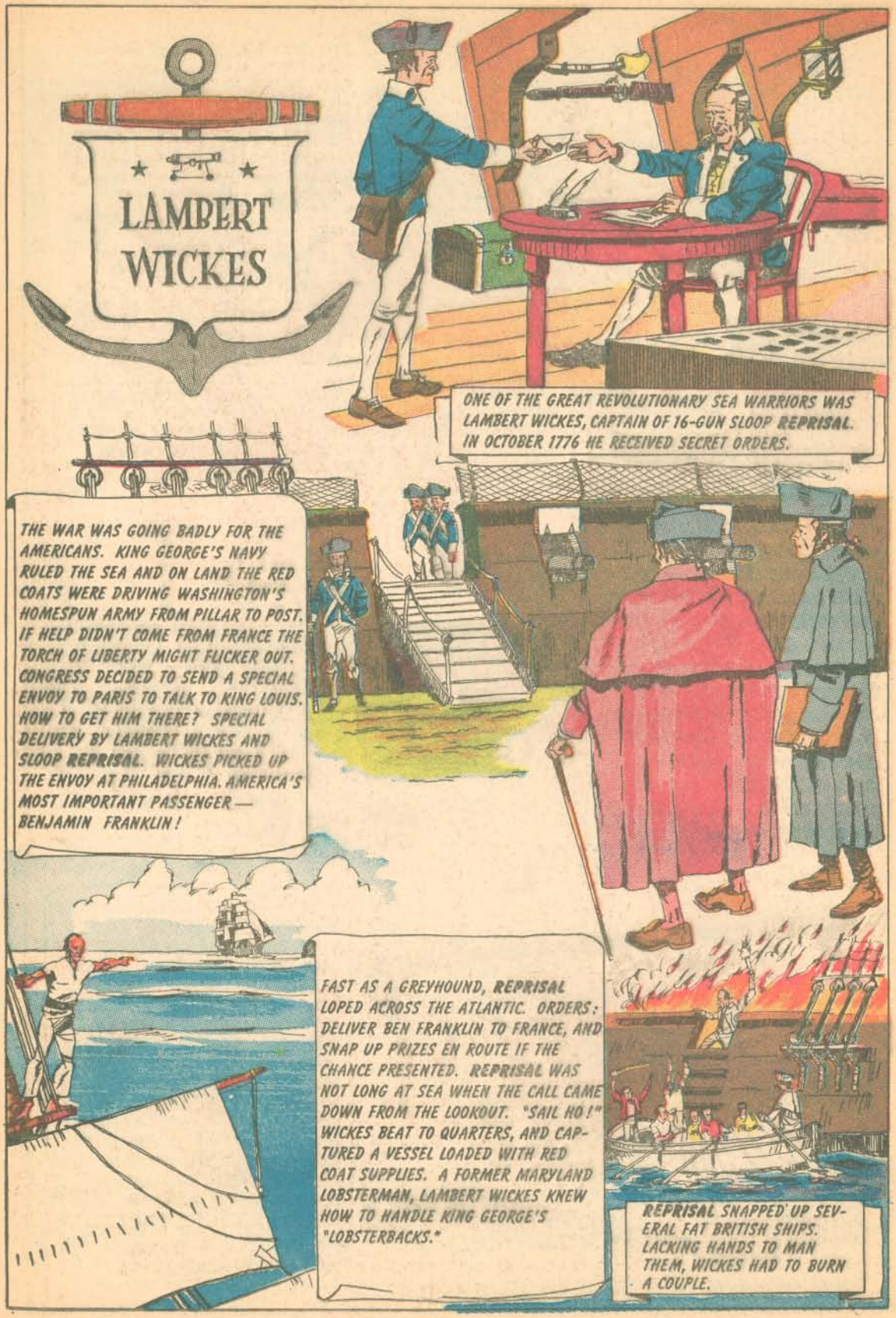


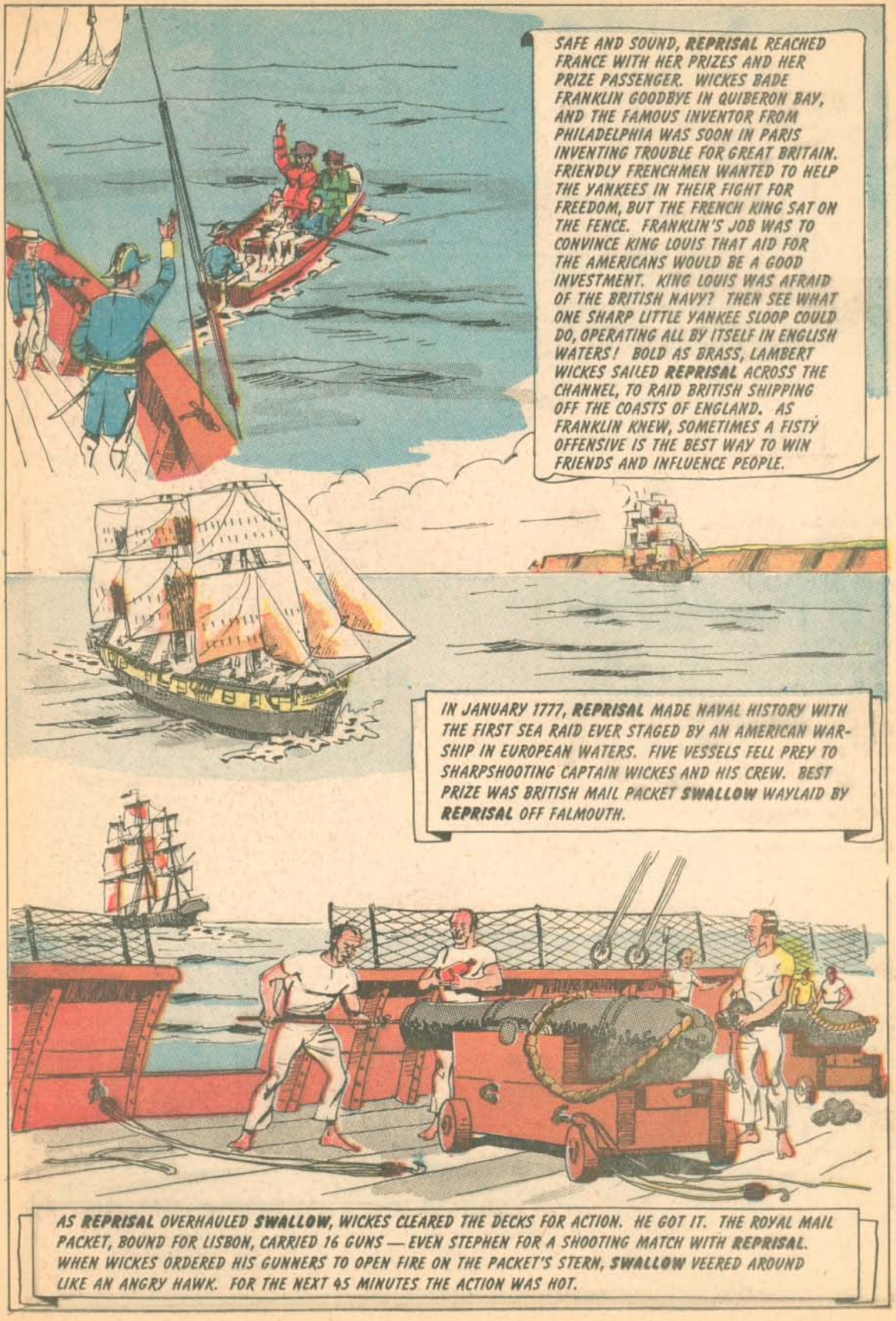
THE YANKEES CAPTURED ALL KINDS OF BOOTY, INCLUDING 87 CANNON AND BUSHELS OF CANNON BALLS. BUT WASHINGTON HAD WANTED GUNPOWDER. AND SLOWPOKE HOPKINS HAD GIVEN THE ENEMY A CHANCE TO GET AWAY WITH THE MAIN POWDER SUPPLY. SO THE AMERICANS LEARNED A LESSON ABOUT TIME AND TIDE.

OFF BLOCK ISLAND, RHODE ISLAND, THE AMERICANS LEARNED ANOTHER LESSON. SAILING NORTH, THEY HAD CAPTURED A VESSEL LADEN WITH RUM. THE CREWS WERE CELEBRATING WHEN THE LOOKOUTS SPOTTED A BRITISH SHIP IN THE NIGHT. SHE WAS HIS MAJESTY'S CORVETTE **GLASGOW**, A 20-GUNNER — NOT VERY BIG. HOPKINS ORDERED THE SQUADRON TO ATTACK. **ALFRED**, **CABOT** AND **DORIA** CLOSED IN. BUT **GLASGOW** PROVED A TOUGH ONE. INSTEAD OF RUNNING, SHE SQUARED OFF FOR A FIGHT. AND THE YANKEES WEREN'T READY.



FIRST SHIP IN ACTION, **CABOT** CAUGHT A BLASTING. **DORIA**, TOO, WAS DRIVEN OFF. **COLUMBUS**, BADLY HANDLED, FELL BACK. SO DID **PROVIDENCE**. HOPKINS GOT **ALFRED** ALONGSIDE THE ENEMY, BUT **ALFRED'S** BROADSIDES COULDN'T HIT THE BROADSIDE OF A BARN. A CANNONBALL SMASHED **ALFRED'S** WHEEL-BLOCK AND HER WHEEL ROPES WERE SHOT AWAY. BACK SHE REELED, WHILE TOUGH LITTLE **GLASGOW** SAILED OFF IN THE DAWN — CORVETTE THAT PUNISHED A SQUADRON. WHEREWITH THE YANKEES LEARNED THAT RUM AND SALT WATER DIDN'T MIX. AND ESEK HOPKINS LEARNED THAT A LEADER WHO DIDN'T KEEP HIS HEAD COULD EASILY LOSE IT. SO THE INFANT NAVY TOOK SOME LUMPS BEFORE IT ACQUIRED ITS SEA LEGS.

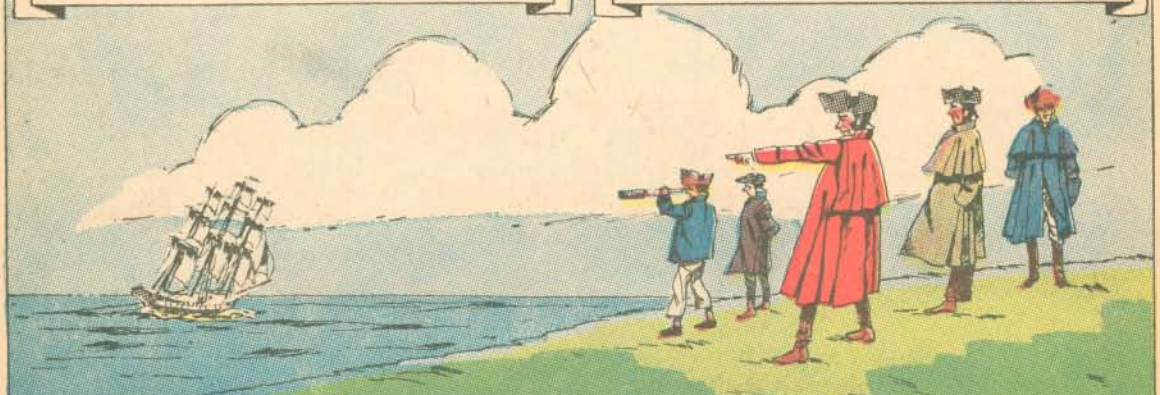

LAMBERT WICKES
ONE OF THE GREAT REVOLUTIONARY SEA WARRIORS WAS LAMBERT WICKES, CAPTAIN OF 16-GUN SLOOP REPRISAL. IN OCTOBER 1776 HE RECEIVED SECRET ORDERS.
THE WAR WAS GOING BADLY FOR THE AMERICANS. KING GEORGE'S NAVY RULED THE SEA AND ON LAND THE RED COATS WERE DRIVING WASHINGTON'S HOMESPUN ARMY FROM PILLAR TO POST. IF HELP DIDN'T COME FROM FRANCE THE TORCH OF LIBERTY MIGHT FLICKER OUT. CONGRESS DECIDED TO SEND A SPECIAL ENVOY TO PARIS TO TALK TO KING LOUIS. HOW TO GET HIM THERE? SPECIAL DELIVERY BY LAMBERT WICKES AND SLOOP REPRISAL. WICKES PICKED UP THE ENVOY AT PHILADELPHIA. AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT PASSENGER — BENJAMIN FRANKLIN!
FAST AS A GREYHOUND, REPRISAL LOPED ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. ORDERS: DELIVER BEN FRANKLIN TO FRANCE, AND SNAP UP PRIZES EN ROUTE IF THE CHANCE PRESENTED. REPRISAL WAS NOT LONG AT SEA WHEN THE CALL CAME DOWN FROM THE LOOKOUT. "SAIL HO!" WICKES BEAT TO QUARTERS, AND CAPTURED A VESSEL LOADED WITH RED COAT SUPPLIES. A FORMER MARYLAND LOBSTERMAN, LAMBERT WICKES KNEW HOW TO HANDLE KING GEORGE'S "LOBSTERBACKS."
REPRISAL SNAPPED UP SEVERAL FAT BRITISH SHIPS. LACKING HANDS TO MAN THEM, WICKES HAD TO BURN A COUPLE.


SAFE AND SOUND, REPRISAL REACHED FRANCE WITH HER PRIZES AND HER PRIZE PASSENGER. WICKES BADE FRANKLIN GOODBYE IN QUIBERON BAY, AND THE FAMOUS INVENTOR FROM PHILADELPHIA WAS SOON IN PARIS INVENTING TROUBLE FOR GREAT BRITAIN. FRIENDLY FRENCHMEN WANTED TO HELP THE YANKEES IN THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, BUT THE FRENCH KING SAT ON THE FENCE. FRANKLIN'S JOB WAS TO CONVINCE KING LOUIS THAT AID FOR THE AMERICANS WOULD BE A GOOD INVESTMENT. KING LOUIS WAS AFRAID OF THE BRITISH NAVY? THEN SEE WHAT ONE SHARP LITTLE YANKEE SLOOP COULD DO, OPERATING ALL BY ITSELF IN ENGLISH WATERS! BOLD AS BRASS, LAMBERT WICKES SAILED REPRISAL ACROSS THE CHANNEL, TO RAID BRITISH SHIPPING OFF THE COASTS OF ENGLAND. AS FRANKLIN KNEW, SOMETIMES A FISTY OFFENSIVE IS THE BEST WAY TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE.
IN JANUARY 1777, REPRISAL MADE NAVAL HISTORY WITH THE FIRST SEA RAID EVER STAGED BY AN AMERICAN WARSHIP IN EUROPEAN WATERS. FIVE VESSELS FELL PREY TO SHARPSHOOTING CAPTAIN WICKES AND HIS CREW. BEST PRIZE WAS BRITISH MAIL PACKET SWALLOW WAYLAID BY REPRISAL OFF FALMOUTH.
AS REPRISAL OVERHAULED SWALLOW, WICKES CLEARED THE DECKS FOR ACTION. HE GOT IT. THE ROYAL MAIL PACKET, BOUND FOR LISBON, CARRIED 16 GUNS — EVEN STEPHEN FOR A SHOOTING MATCH WITH REPRISAL. WHEN WICKES ORDERED HIS GUNNERS TO OPEN FIRE ON THE PACKET'S STERN, SWALLOW VEERED AROUND LIKE AN ANGRY HAWK. FOR THE NEXT 45 MINUTES THE ACTION WAS HOT.

HAMMER AND TONGS, **REPRISAL** AND **SWALLOW** EXCHANGED BROADSIDES BEAM TO BEAM. WICKES WROTE IN HIS BATTLE REPORT: "WE HAD ONE MAN KILLED & MY FIRST LIEUTENANT HAD HIS ARM BLOWED OFF. LIEUTENANT OF MARINES WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE WRIST, BUT THEY BOTH ARE IN A FAIR WAY TO RECOVER." **REPRISAL** WAS HARD HIT, BUT **SWALLOW** WAS HIT HARDER. THE ENGLISHMAN TOOK IT AS LONG AS SHE COULD STAND IT. THEN DOWN CAME THE TATTERED ENGLISH FLAG.

IN TOKEN OF SURRENDER, **SWALLOW'S** CAPTAIN NEWMAN OFFERED HIS SWORD TO CAPTAIN WICKES. WICKES PLACED A YANKEE CREW ABOARD THE PACKET, AND THE KING'S MAIL WAS IN THE BAG.

THE BRITISH LION ROARED. IN PARIS THE ENGLISH AMBASSADOR DENOUNCED WICKES AS A "PIRATE." WHEN **REPRISAL** SAILED INTO L'ORIENT, FRANCE, FOR REPAIRS THE NERVOUS AUTHORITIES ORDERED HER OUT.



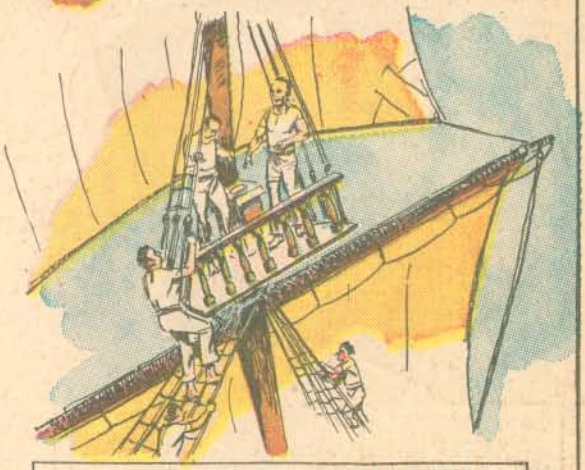
THE FRENCH WERE BLUFFING THE BRITISH, BUT **REPRISAL** HAD TO SAIL AWAY TO SUPPORT THE BLUFF. ALLOWED ONLY A FEW WEEKS IN HARBOR, CAPTAIN WICKES HAD BARELY TIME TO REPAIR HIS BATTLE-DAMAGED SLOOP. EARLY IN THE SPRING OF '77 HE SET OUT FOR A CRUISE AROUND IRELAND. IN THIS FORAY **REPRISAL** WAS JOINED BY BRIG **LEXINGTON** AND CUTTER **DOLPHIN**. THREE LITTLE RAIDERS DETERMINED TO RAISE A STORM IN THE IRISH SEA.

LLOYDS

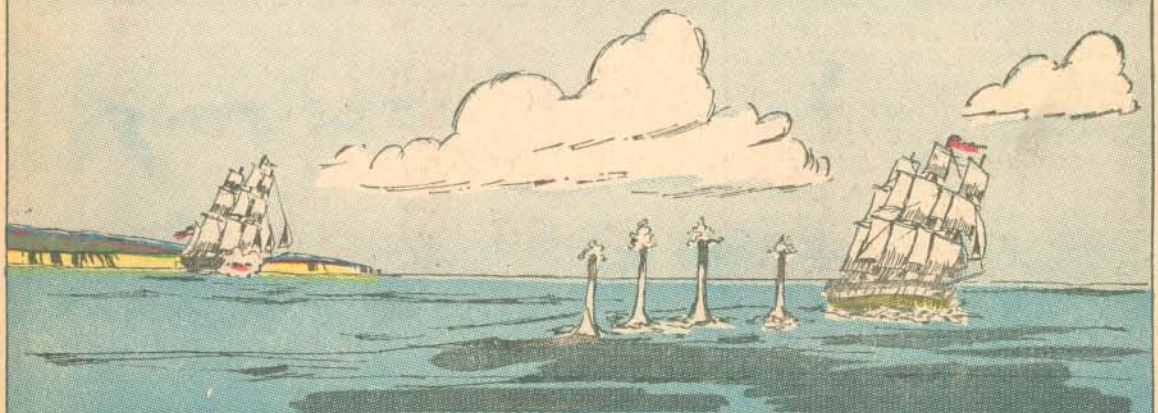
GEORGE
LAVIGNE
POLLY & NANCY
HIBERNIA
GENEROUS FRIENDS
SWALLOW
BETSY
EXPEDITION
MERLIN
JASON
CRAWFORD
FRIENDSHIP
EWARD & ANN
JOHN & THOMAS
JENNY & SALLY

BEFORE THE BRITISH KNEW WHAT HAD HIT THEM, 18 SHIPS WERE SNATCHED RIGHT OUT OF ENGLAND'S DOORYARD BY YANKEE RAIDERS. LLOYD'S OF LONDON, THE FAMOUS INSURANCE FIRM, BEGAN TO BOOST THE RATES ON MARINE INSURANCE. AT LLOYD'S A GREAT BELL WAS RUNG EVERY TIME A VESSEL WAS LOST AT SEA, AND WICKES AND HIS SQUADRON KEPT IT RINGING LIKE A FIVE-ALARM FIRE. ENGLISH SHIP OWNERS WRUNG THEIR HANDS. KING GEORGE HAD A KING-SIZE HEADACHE. OUT RUSHED THE ROYAL NAVY'S HOME FLEET, ORDERED TO TRAP THE DAREDEVIL YANKEES.

HEADING FOR FRANCE WITH THE PRIZES, **REPRISAL** RAN INTO **H. M. S. BURFORD**, A BIG, ANGRY SHIP-OF-THE-LINE. **BURFORD'S** 74 GUNS COULD HAVE MASSACRED LITTLE 16-GUN **REPRISAL**. BUT FIRST **BURFORD** HAD TO CATCH HER.



WICKES SIGNALLED HIS PARTNERS TO RUN FOR IT. THEN HE SENT **REPRISAL'S** HANDS ALOFT TO CLAP ON MORE SAIL. TOUCH AND GO, THE LITTLE SLOOP RACED AHEAD OF THE BATTLESHIP.



UNDER CLOUDS OF CANVAS, BIG **BURFORD** SLOWLY GAINED. WICKES STEERED A COURSE FOR THE FRENCH COAST, KEEPING HIS FLAG HIGH AND HIS WITS COOL. AS THE MIGHTY "LINER" CLOSED TO GUN RANGE, CANNONBALLS BEGAN TO KICK UP FOUNTAINS IN **REPRISAL'S** WAKE. MISSES WERE AS GOOD AS MILES, BUT WICKES PREFERRED MORE NAUTICAL MILEAGE. TO LIGHTEN SHIP AND GAIN SPEED, HE ORDERED THE SLOOP'S HEAVY GEAR THROWN OVERSIDE.

OVER WENT GUNS, ANCHORS, ANYTHING THE CREW COULD HEAVE FROM **REPRISAL'S** DECK. STILL **BURFORD** GAINED. DODGING CANNONBALLS, THE LITTLE SLOOP COULD FEEL THE BATTLESHIP'S HOT BREATH ON HER TAFFRAIL.

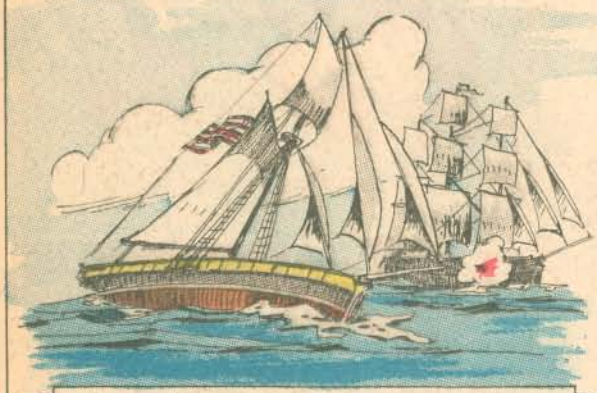
AS LAST RESORT, WICKES ORDERED SOME OF **REPRISAL'S** HEAVY TIMBERING CUT AWAY. JACK-RABBIT RACING ELEPHANT, THE CHASE WENT DOWN THE FRENCH COASTLINE. **REPRISAL** WON.

IT WAS ANY OLD PORT IN A STORM. WICKES FINALLY MADE IT INTO SAINT MALO. THE POPULACE GAVE HIM A BIG HAND.

IN THE AUTUMN OF 1777 **REPRISAL** HEADED FOR HOME. SOMEWHERE OFF THE NEWFOUNDLAND GRAND BANKS SHE FLOUNDERED IN A TERRIFIC STORM, GOING DOWN WITH ALL HANDS EXCEPT THE COOK, WHO LIVED TO TELL OF HER WONDERFUL EXPLOITS. A GREAT LITTLE SHIP, HER WORK WAS DONE. FOR **REPRISAL** AND CAPTAIN LAMBERT WICKES SHOWED AMERICA, FRANCE AND BRITAIN—MOSTLY BRITAIN!—THAT AN OUNCE OF SEA POWER COULD DO POUNDS OF DAMAGE TO ENEMY COMMERCE. IN WICKES' WAKE, OTHER YANKEE RAIDERS CROSSED THE OCEAN TO ATTACK OLD ENGLAND. INTREPID FIGHTERS LIKE GUSTAVUS CONYNGHAM. HARD HITTERS WHO RANG LLOYD'S BELL UNTIL KING GEORGE HIT THE CEILING OF HIS THRONE ROOM. BUT THE LOUDEST BELL-RINGER OF ALL WAS YET TO COME. THE NAME WAS JOHN PAUL JONES.

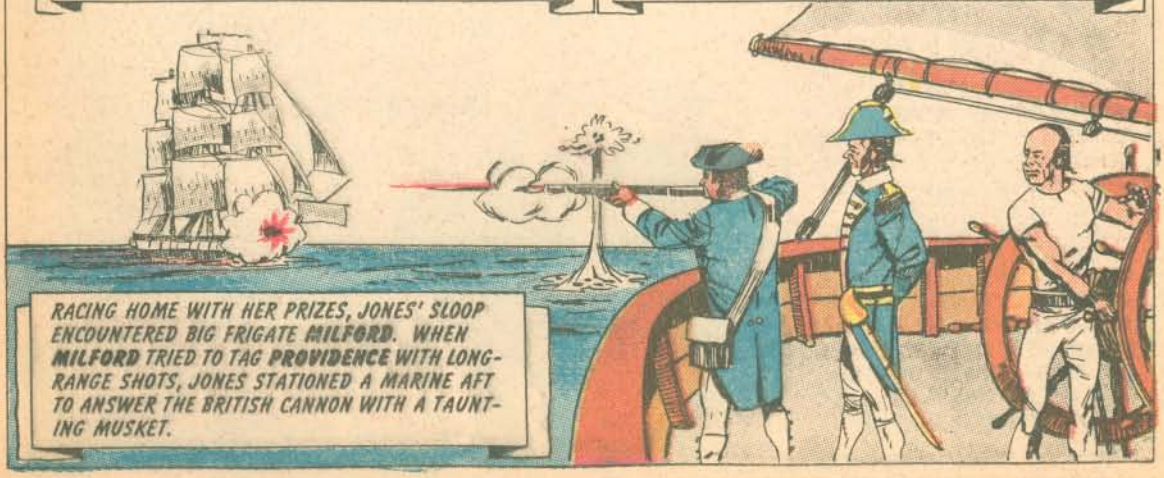
JOHN ★ PAUL ★ JONES

IN THE SUMMER OF 1776, ESEK HOPKINS' SQUADRON WAS TIED UP AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND. PAUL JONES WAS FIT TO BE TIED. HE WANTED TO GO OUT AND FIGHT THE BRITISH, AND HOPKINS SAT AT ANCHOR LIKE A FROG ON A LILYPAD. FINALLY JONES WANGLED PERMISSION TO TAKE SLOOP **PROVIDENCE** ON A RAID UP TO NOVA SCOTIA. THE CREW PERKED UP WHEN PAUL JONES BOARDED SHIP. JONES SET OUT TO PROVE A LONE WOLF COULD DO MORE DAMAGE THAN A GRUMPY BULLFROG.

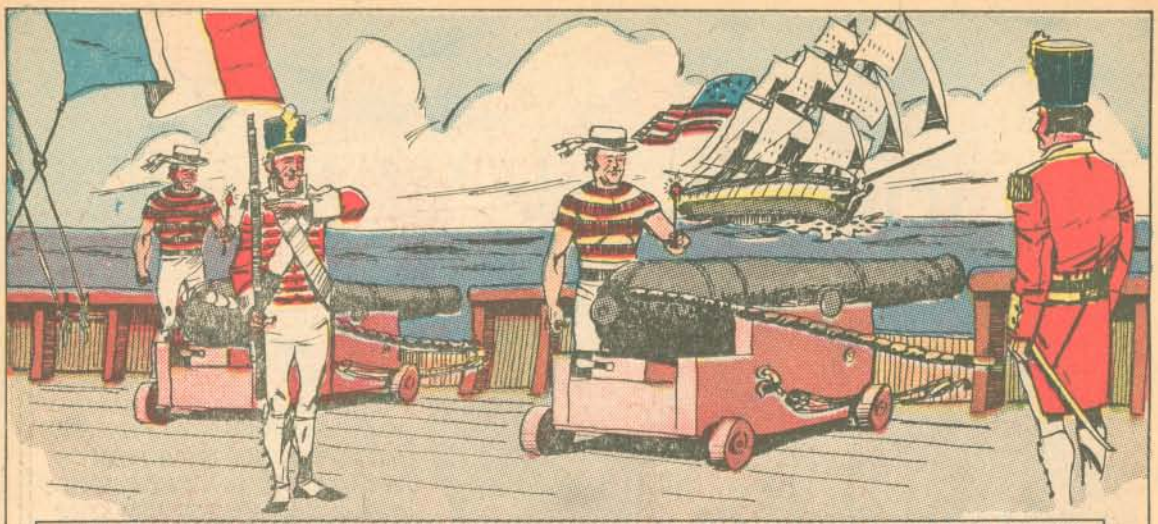


OFF NOVA SCOTIA **PROVIDENCE** ROMPED THROUGH THE BLUENOSE FISHING FLEETS. THEN SHE HAD A ROMP WITH **H. M. S. SOLEBAY**—FAST FRIGATE, BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH PAUL JONES.

ELUDING ANGRY **SOLEBAY**, LITTLE **PROVIDENCE** CONTINUED HER DARING RAID. BEFORE THEY WERE THROUGH, JONES AND HIS MEN CAPTURED 16 VESSELS AND SCARED SOME TO HALIFAX.

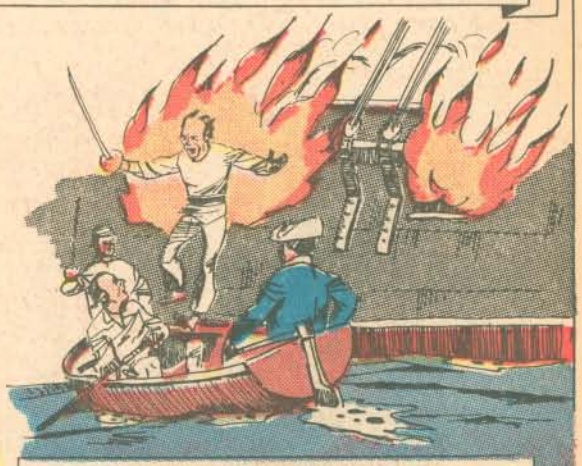


RACING HOME WITH HER PRIZES, JONES' SLOOP ENCOUNTERED BIG FRIGATE **MILFORD**. WHEN **MILFORD** TRIED TO TAG **PROVIDENCE** WITH LONG-RANGE SHOTS, JONES STATIONED A MARINE AFT TO ANSWER THE BRITISH CANNON WITH A TAUNTING MUSKET.



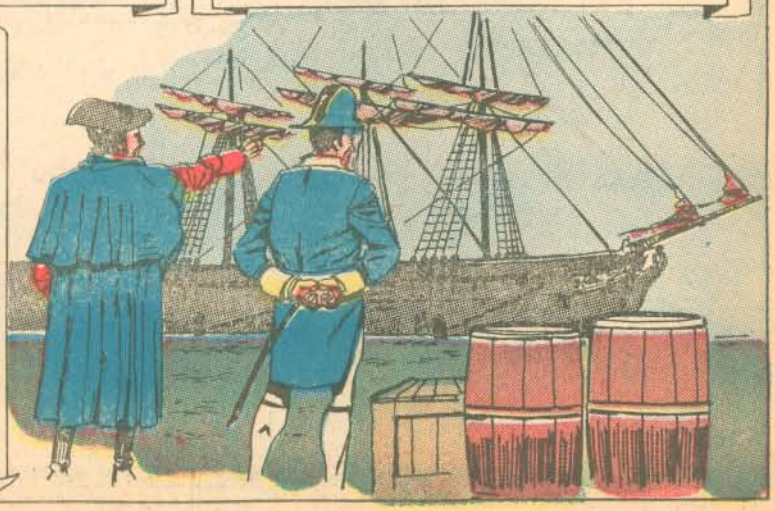
IN LATE AUTUMN JONES SAILED **ALFRED** ON A PRIZE-WINNING CRUISE. HE RETURNED TO FIND THAT CAPTAINS IN SNUG HARBOR WERE WINNING THE PROMOTIONS. JONES BLEW UP, THEN SAT DOWN AND WROTE CONGRESS A MARVELOUS LETTER ON NAVAL LEADERSHIP. SO CONGRESS MADE HIM CAPTAIN OF NEW WAR-SLOOP **RANGER**, FLYING THE NEW STARS AND STRIPES. EARLY IN 1778 JONES SAILED HER TO FRANCE. IN QUIBERON BAY THE FRENCH SALUTED OLD GLORY.

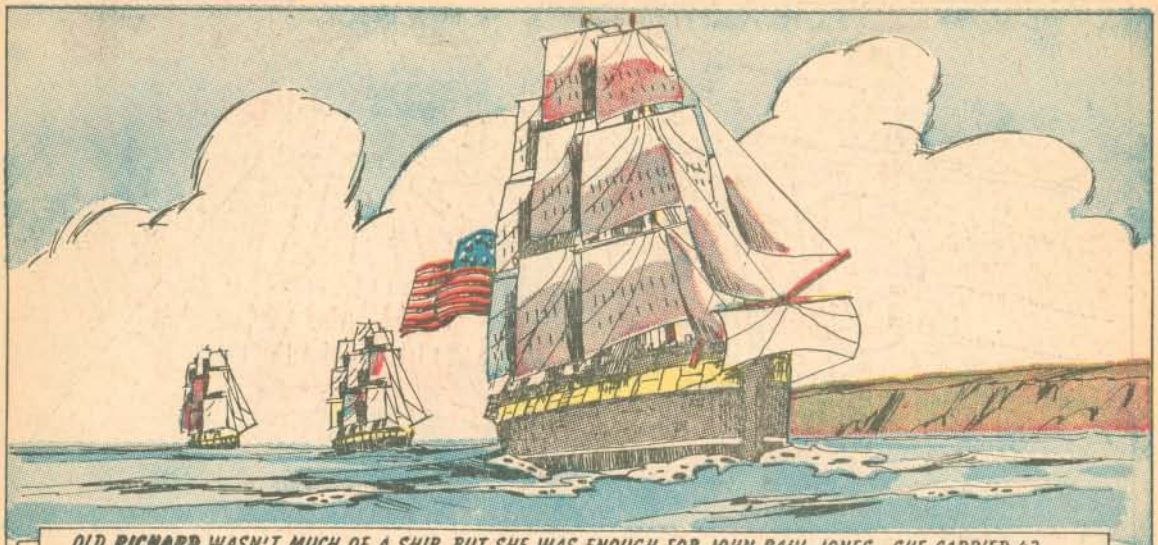
JONES SAILED **RANGER** TO THE BRITISH ISLES TO GIVE ENGLAND A LOOK AT THE NEW FLAG. LANDING AT WHITEHAVEN, **RANGER'S** CREW RAIDED THE LOCAL FORT. ALARM SHOOK LONDON.



AT CARRICKFERGUS, JONES CAUGHT WAR-SLOOP **DRAKE** IN HARBOR. **DRAKE** CAME OUT TO FIGHT. **RANGER** RIDDLED HER, SET HER AFIRE. HER CAPTAIN FOUGHT HARD, BUT HIS GOOSE WAS COOKED.

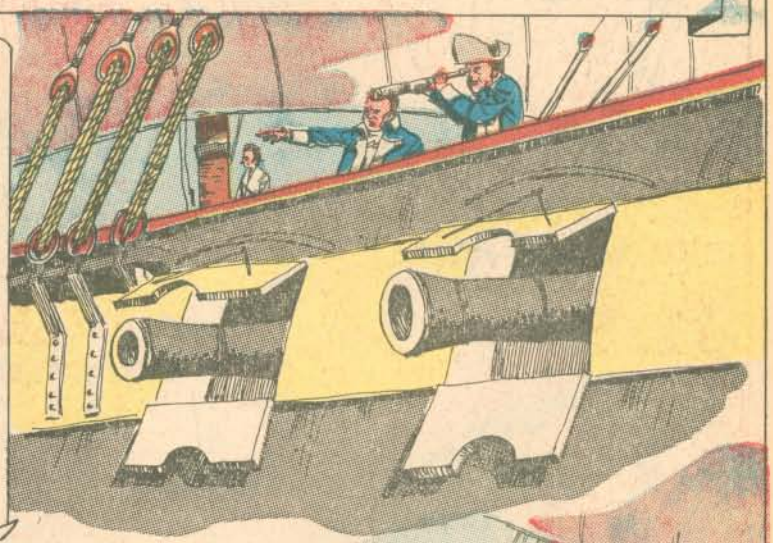
WHEN HE RETURNED TO FRANCE PAUL JONES WAS LIONIZED — AND BEACHED. **RANGER** WENT TO ANOTHER CAPTAIN. JONES WAS PROMISED A BIGGER WARSHIP. BUT FRANCE WAS NOW AT WAR WITH ENGLAND. NEW WARSHIPS WERE SCARCE. AT L'ORIENT, JONES CHAFED. FINALLY HE WENT TO SEE THE FRENCH KING WHO GAVE HIM PRAISE, BUT LITTLE ELSE. AT LAST JONES FOUND AN OLD MERCHANTMAN AT AUCTION — THE **DUC DE DURAS**. HE BOUGHT HER, REBUILT HER, ARMED HER WITH SECOND-HAND GUNS, RENAMED HER **BONHOMME RICHARD**.





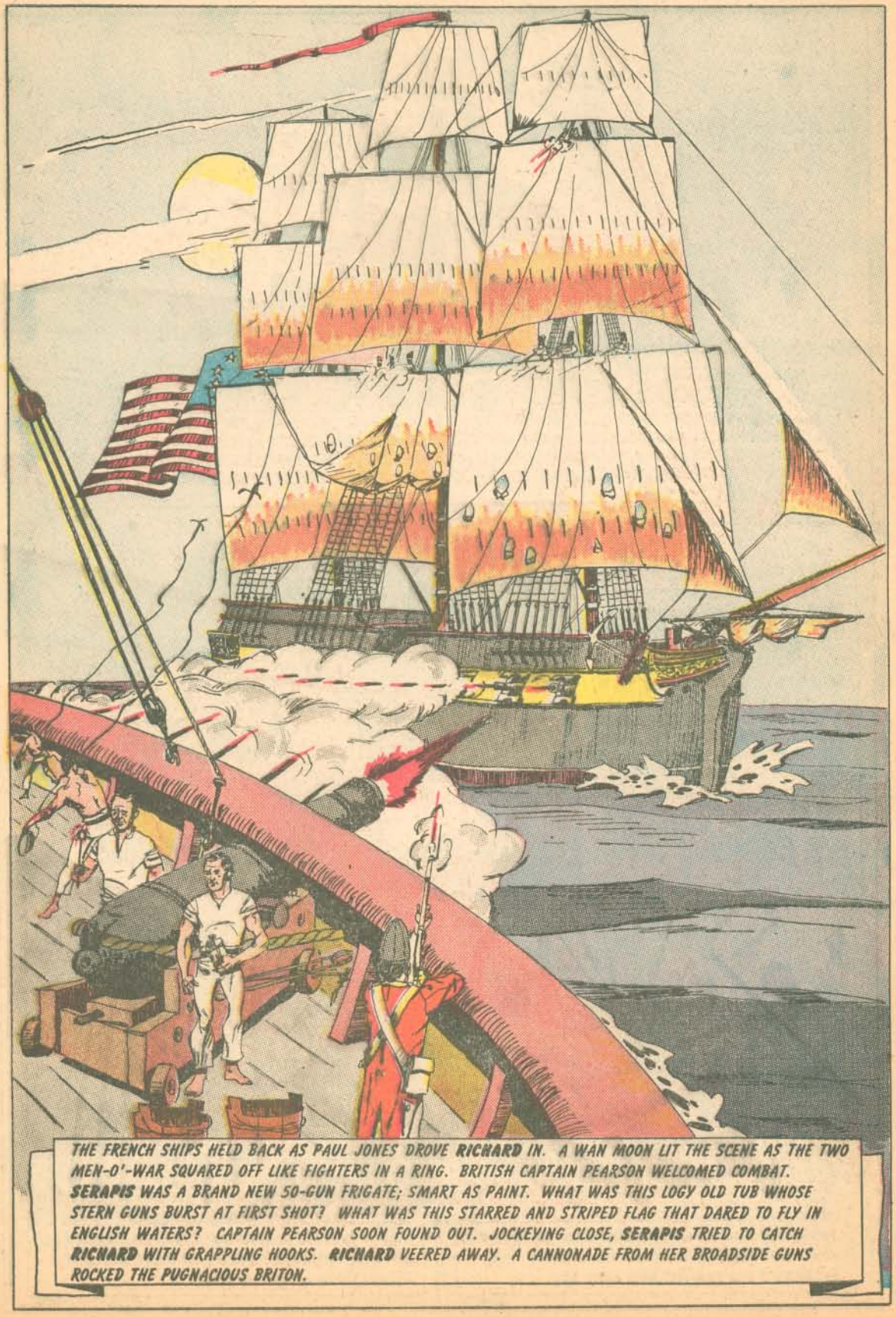
OLD **RICHARD** WASN'T MUCH OF A SHIP, BUT SHE WAS ENOUGH FOR JOHN PAUL JONES. SHE CARRIED 42 ANTIQUE GUNS, A MONGREL CREW. FRANCE CONTRIBUTED A SQUADRON TO SAIL WITH HER—WARSHIPS **CERF, VENGEANCE, PALLAS** AND AMERICAN-BUILT **ALLIANCE.** BUT THE FRENCH CAPTAINS RETAINED INDIVIDUAL COMMAND. FORESEEING TROUBLE, JONES LED THE SQUADRON OUT OF L'ORIENT IN JUNE 1779, AND HEADED FOR ENGLAND.

JONES CRUISED UP THE WEST COAST OF IRELAND AND AROUND TO SCOTLAND. SOME OF HIS SAILORS DESERTED. **CERF** QUIT THE SQUADRON. THE FRENCH CAPTAINS BICKERED. JONES PLANNED TO BURN EDINBURGH IN REPRISAL FOR BRITISH FIRE RAIDS IN AMERICA, BUT CAPTAIN LANDAIS OF **ALLIANCE** WANTED PRIZE MONEY. SO JONES HEADED DOWN THE NORTH SEA TO AMBUSH A BRITISH CONVOY DUE FROM THE BALTIC. OFF FLAMBOROUGH HEAD THE CONVOY WAS SIGHTED. JONES DROVE **RICHARD** IN TO ATTACK THE MAIN ESCORT—**H. M. S. SERAPIS.**



THE CONVOY'S MERCHANTMEN SCATTERED LIKE SCARED HENS. BUT **SERAPIS** CAME ABOUT. OPENING FIRE, **RICHARD'S** OLD 18-POUNDERS BLEW UP.

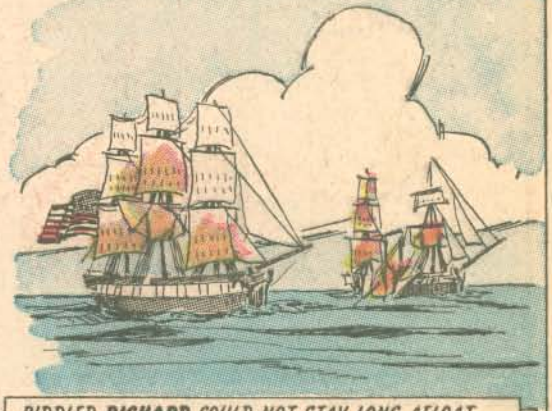
FRENCH MARINES IN **RICHARD'S** TOPS RAKED **SERAPIS** AS JONES MANEUVERED CLOSE TO BRING HIS SHIP'S BROADSIDE BATTERIES TO BEAR.



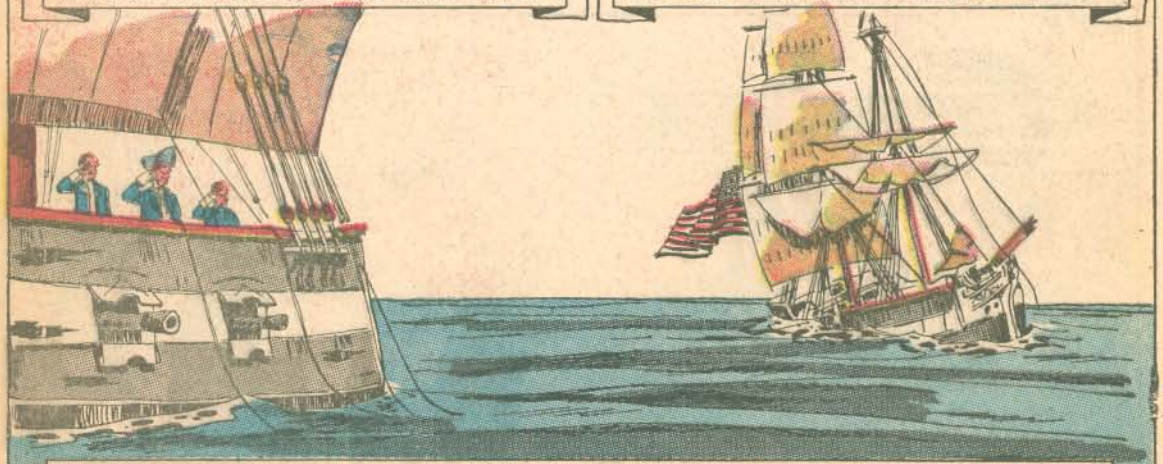
THE FRENCH SHIPS HELD BACK AS PAUL JONES DROVE **RICHARD** IN. A WAN MOON LIT THE SCENE AS THE TWO MEN-O'-WAR SQUARED OFF LIKE FIGHTERS IN A RING. BRITISH CAPTAIN PEARSON WELCOMED COMBAT. **SERAPIS** WAS A BRAND NEW 50-GUN FRIGATE; SMART AS PAINT. WHAT WAS THIS LOGY OLD TUB WHOSE STERN GUNS BURST AT FIRST SHOT? WHAT WAS THIS STARRED AND STRIPED FLAG THAT DARED TO FLY IN ENGLISH WATERS? CAPTAIN PEARSON SOON FOUND OUT. JOCKEYING CLOSE, **SERAPIS** TRIED TO CATCH **RICHARD** WITH GRAPPLING HOOKS. **RICHARD** VEERED AWAY. A CANNONADE FROM HER BROADSIDE GUNS ROCKED THE PUGNACIOUS BRITON.

THE EXPLOSION AFT HAD WRECKED **RICHARD'S** STERN, BUT JOHN PAUL JONES DID NOT INTEND TO SHOW HIS STERN TO THE ENEMY. PLUNGING AHEAD, HE LOCKED HARD ALONGSIDE THE ENGLISH FRIGATE. BEAM AGAINST BEAM, THE TWO WARSHIPS EXCHANGED POINT-BLANK BROADSIDES. SHOTS FROM **SERAPIS** SHATTERED **RICHARD'S** ANCIENT TIMBERS. DOWN CAME CANVAS IN BILLOWS OF FLAME. RIGGING CRASHED. DECKS CAUGHT FIRE. SUDDENLY FRIGATE **ALLIANCE** UNDER CAPTAIN LANDAIS CAME UP AND SMOTE **RICHARD** WITH A BROADSIDE. JONES' SHIP BECAME AN INFERNO. "DO YOU SURRENDER?" PEARSON HAILED. "NO!" JONES TRUMPETED. "I HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO FIGHT!" HIS CRY WOULD ECHO THROUGH HISTORY—A SLOGAN FOR THE EARLY AMERICAN NAVY. **BONHOMME RICHARD** FOUGHT ON.

AT LAST A SHOT TOPPLED **SERAPIS'** MAINMAST. THEN A YANKEE GRENADE EXPLODED **SERAPIS'** POWDER MAGAZINE. STUNNED, CAPTAIN PEARSON HAULED DOWN HIS FLAG AND SURRENDERED TO PAUL JONES.

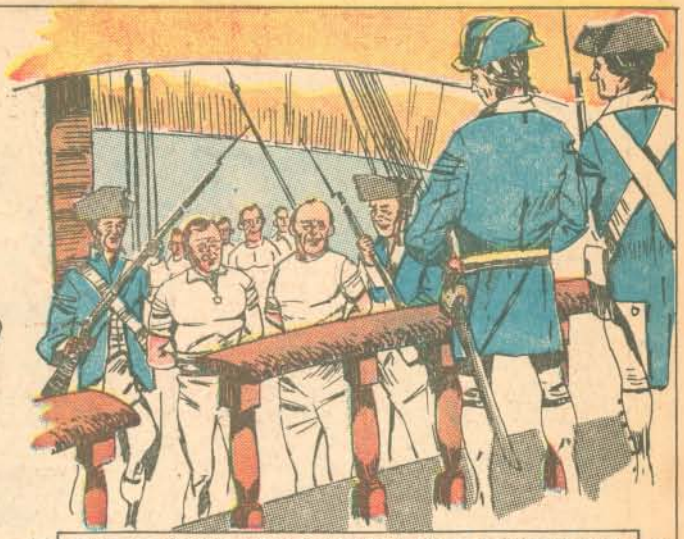


RIDDLED **RICHARD** COULD NOT STAY LONG AFLOAT. JONES TRANSFERRED HIS VICTORIOUS CREW TO CAPTIVE **SERAPIS**. BRAINS AND KNOW-HOW HAD WON THROUGH WITH THE SPIRT OF NEVER SAY DIE!

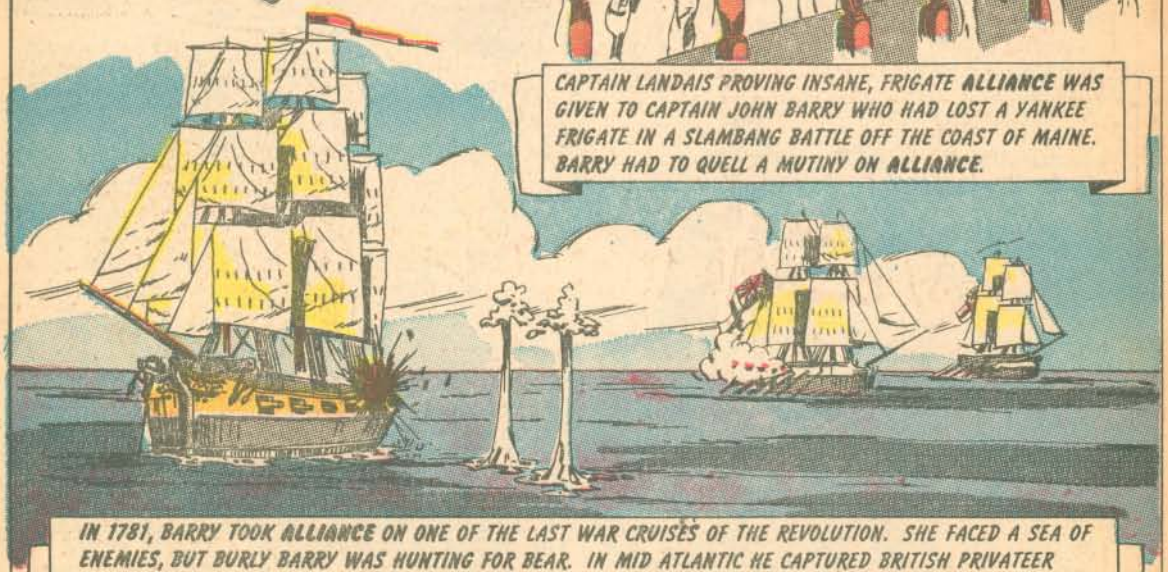


ON BOARD **SERAPIS**, JONES AND HIS MEN SALUTED **RICHARD** AS SHE WENT DOWN WITH COLORS FLYING. DOWN, BUT NEVER OUT. IN HOME WATERS THE AMERICAN NAVY HAD BEEN BADLY BEATEN BY THE BRITISH. VICTORY OVER **SERAPIS** SENT THE STARS AND STRIPES ONCE MORE EAGLE HIGH. AND LEFT TWO NAMES ON THE SEA, INDELIBLE. **BONHOMME RICHARD**. AND JOHN PAUL JONES—GREATEST NAVAL CAPTAIN OF THE REVOLUTION.

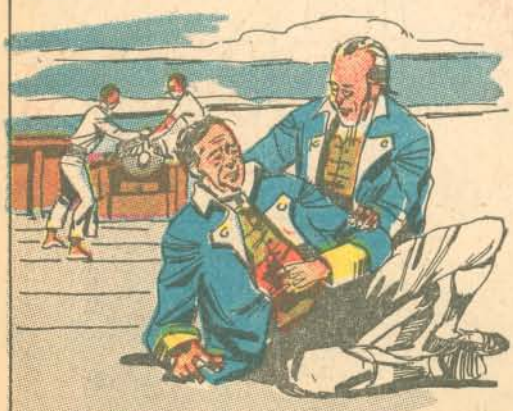
JOHN BARRY



CAPTAIN LANDAIS PROVING INSANE, FRIGATE **ALLIANCE** WAS GIVEN TO CAPTAIN JOHN BARRY WHO HAD LOST A YANKEE FRIGATE IN A SLAMBANG BATTLE OFF THE COAST OF MAINE. BARRY HAD TO QUELL A MUTINY ON **ALLIANCE**.



IN 1781, BARRY TOOK **ALLIANCE** ON ONE OF THE LAST WAR CRUISES OF THE REVOLUTION. SHE FACED A SEA OF ENEMIES, BUT BURLY BARRY WAS HUNTING FOR BEAR. IN MID ATLANTIC HE CAPTURED BRITISH PRIVATEER **MARS**. THEN HE ENCOUNTERED TWO TOUGH ONES—H. M. WARSLOOPS **ATLANTA** AND **TREPASSY**. OFF NOVA SCOTIA THE SHIPS FOUGHT IN DEAD CALM. THE BRITONS WORKED SWEEPS (OARS) TO BOX BARRY'S SHIP, TWO AGAINST ONE.

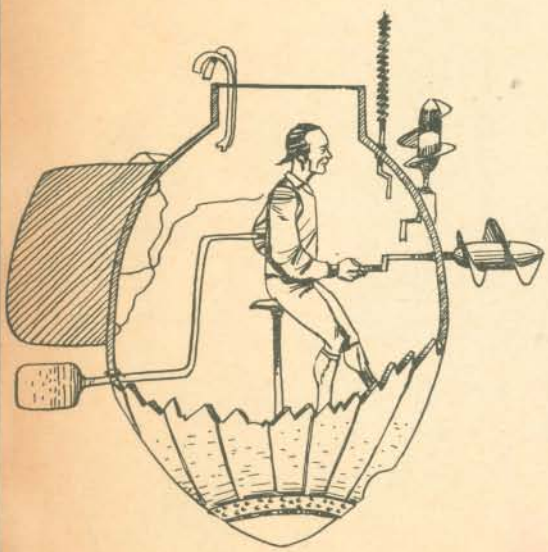


BARRY FELL WOUNDED IN ACTION, BUT HE COULD TAKE IT. HE COULD ALSO TAKE TWO UNWARY BRITISHERS. AS THEY CAME UP, **ALLIANCE** RIDDLED THEM.

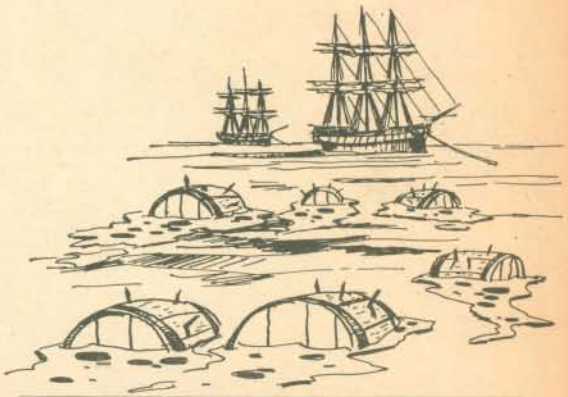
DOWN CAME ENGLAND'S FLAG. THE WAR WAS ALMOST OVER. LIBERTY BELL AND BELL AT LLOYD'S HAD BEEN TOO MUCH FOR KING GEORGE. INDEPENDENCE WON!

REVOLUTIONARY INVENTIONS

WORLD'S FIRST COMBAT SUBMARINE—THE "WATER MACHINE" OR **MARINE TURTLE**. CORNELIS DREBBEL OF HOLLAND INVENTED AN UNDERSEA BOAT IN 1620. BUT DAVID BUSHNELL, A YALE STUDENT, CAME UP WITH A LITTLE ONE-MAN SUB THAT SAW ACTION IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. SWIMMING LIKE AN UP-ENDED TURTLE, THIS YANKEE MARVEL TRIED TO ATTACH A BOMB TO **H.M.S EAGLE** IN NEW YORK BAY. SHE WAS FOILED BY **EAGLE'S** COPPER BOTTOM, BUT SHE SCARED THE BRITISH OUT OF THE HARBOR.

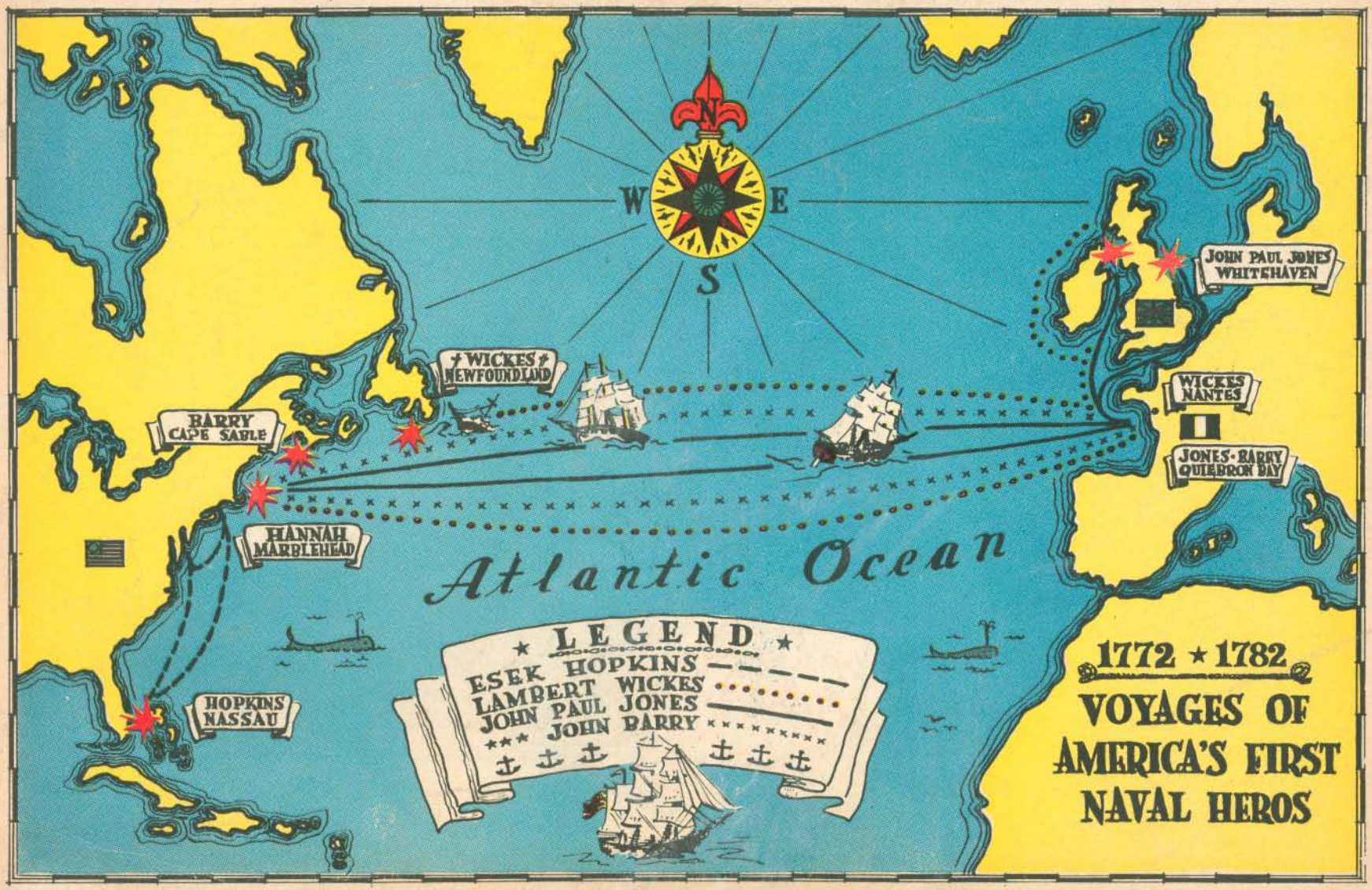


HAND-DRIVEN BY TWO "WATER SCREWS" (ONE FOR GOING FORWARD, AND ONE FOR GOING UP AND DOWN), **TURTLE** WAS AN AMAZING INVENTION. HER OPERATOR WAS SGT. EZRA LEE, AN ARMY VOLUNTEER WITH AMAZING NERVE.



TURTLE WAS SUNK WHILE UNDER TOW UP THE HUDSON BUSHNELL NEXT TRIED MINES— FLOATING POWDER KEGS— AGAINST ENEMY SHIPS.

LOCAL YOKELS RIDICULED BUSHNELL. BUT WASHINGTON PRAISED HIM FOR "EFFORT OF OF GENIUS."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